

## ANDERSON APPOINTED SAFETY SUPERVISOR

Receives Appointment From  
H. W. Belnap, Manager of  
Safety Section.

Nashville, April 12.—Charles M. Anderson, who has been superintendent of safety on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railway for the past two years, has just been notified by H. W. Belnap, manager of the safety section of the United States railroad administration, of his appointment as regional supervisor of safety for the railroads in the south. This appointment is a tribute to the ability of Mr. Anderson and to his work on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railway in promoting safety. He is peculiarly adapted to organization work, and has the faculty of impressing the importance of the safety movement upon the men that has brought the road to the forefront in this great movement. Since the inauguration of the Employees' Magazine nearly a year ago Mr. Anderson has edited a safety section in that publication, and has also brought the safety movement to the attention of employees and patrons along the line through the motion picture and lecture car which has been operated over the system.

Mr. Anderson is also prominent in the National Safety council work, being secretary of the steam railroad section of that organization. He was called to Washington recently to confer with Mr. Belnap for the organization for the work among the railroads of the country. He will continue as the head of the safety department on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis and in active charge until May 1, when he will go to Washington and work in the office of Mr. Belnap until about June 1, when he will be stationed in Atlanta.

## LIBERTY BOND MEETING TO BE HELD ON MOUNTAIN

Citizens of Lookout Mountain have made preparations for a rousing meeting Friday night at the schoolhouse in the interest of the liberty bond campaign. J. H. Anderson, who is the general chairman for the mountain, says he expects one of the most enthusiastic meetings that have yet been held in Hamilton county. W. G. M. Thomas will be the orator of the occasion. The Red Cross society of the mountain will attend the celebration dressed in their uniforms.

## Drive a Nail Here--Now.

In every healthy body there are fifty grains of iron, about as much as is contained in an ordinary "tenpenny" nail. By reason of lack of iron in the blood many persons are anemic, pale, thin, emaciated, their blood corpuscles are uneven, instead of being round and full of good red blood, and the nerves are lacking in strength. Feed the nerves on good, rich, red blood, and one feels full of vigor.

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## DESPERATE ATTEMPT AT JAIL DELIVERY NIPPED IN BUD

Bert Long and Frank King Confess to Being Leaders in Plan  
So Desperate as to Astound Officials—Indications Point  
to Contemplated Murder in Order to Gain Liberty.

The daring and desperation of a plan at a wholesale jail delivery at the Hamilton county jail on Thursday lacked originality in the brain of one skilled in the fundamental principles of crime or it might have succeeded in its entirety. The plan was cruel and was plotted with a reckless and absolute disregard for human life, and a murderous trail strewn with human blood would probably have resulted had an attempt been made to thwart the plot.

The plan was too bold, too daring, too murderous. It was uncouth, rough, and was ill-advised in all its horribleness.

Charles Whitcomb, the day jailer, was to have been felled with a big lead pipe, or his throat cut with a razor, or perhaps murdered with his own revolver, had fate decreed that he should be on duty at the time and undertake to block the pathway which led from the dark cell to freedom.

However, it is more probable that the life blood of Aaron Ballew, a splendid specimen of young manhood, was to have been spilled, as he is the night jailer and does the locking up at night and most of the long nights is alone at the jail.

The taking of the lives of any who by chance should have been either in the jail or the office when the plan was to be put into operation was certainly the intention of the conspirators, who in their desperation had planned to regain their liberty at any price.

Several big saws, two large pieces of lead pipe, a razor and two big pistols, which were to have been brought in later, stand as silent but bold witnesses of the daring and desperation of those implicated in the attempt at escape.

The alertness and shrewdness of Jailer Whitcomb is the reason why these deadly weapons are locked in his desk instead of under the coat of those implicated.

For some time Mr. Whitcomb had suspected the organization of an attempted escape and had been carefully laying his plans to nip the plot in the bud, and, taking a News reporter into his confidence, bided his time.

Thursday morning, when those he suspected of being in the plan were sent to the criminal court for trial, a search of their cells was made and the saws and lead pipe were discovered. A razor was taken from the inside of a shirt which one of the prisoners were just before he was taken to the criminal court, where he was supposed to tell Judge McReynolds he had repented of the crime for which he had been placed in jail and would ask the court for mercy. When Mr. Whitcomb took the razor off the prisoner he quickly abandoned the mercy plea and was given a heavy sentence by the court.

**Found Hack-saw.**

Bert Long and Frank King, both prisoners in the Hamilton county jail charged with burglary, are the two confessed members of the conspiracy to escape. Long being the leader. Tom Carden, who was arrested at the same time and for the same crime as was Long, is also suspected, but as he was in another cell he could not be connected with the plans to escape.

Thursday morning when the prisoners were taken over from the jail to the criminal court room among the number were Tom Carden, Bert Long and Frank King, each charged with burglary. After they had been taken to the criminal court room, acting on suspicion, Jailer Whitcomb visited the cell of King and Long, and as the result found imbedded in the mattress of both four brand new hacksaws, with four extra blades, and a big piece of heavy lead pipe.

**Slingshot Prepared.**

Friday morning another search was made of the cells and a big iron bolt was found to have been removed from a bathtub and wrapped in a heavy piece of carpet

with a rope tied to it for the purpose of using as a slingshot or bullet. After the prisoners returned from the court room, where they had all three been given heavy sentences, Long and King, who were in single cells on the first floor, asked that Tom Carden, who had been separated from them, be placed in the same cell.

At this time the men did not know that Jailer Whitcomb had thwarted their plan. However, a few minutes they were taken to their cells and were given a chance to talk.

**Friend Furnished Saws.**

They claimed that the saws had been brought to them by a friend, but said each would die before they would reveal the identity of this friend. Jailer Whitcomb further learned that whoever brought the saws to the jail was either Thursday or Friday morning going to return with two pistols, and these would be handed in.

However, silence was maintained throughout Thursday in an effort to have the outside accomplice of the prisoners return, at which time he would be searched and placed under arrest. He did not return, and is thought got wind of the discovery of the scheme and to have left for parts unknown.

The officers about the jail say that there had been a friend of King and Long calling at the jail, but no suspicion was created by his presence and they had no occasion to notice him closely. Jailer Whitcomb states that he does not know the outside accomplice's name, but would know him if he saw him.

King and Long were again visited by Jailer Whitcomb Friday morning, and while they did not deny they were preparing to escape at any price, they insisted on their determination to die before they would turn anybody up. It is thought by jail officials that the two men, with King the leader, were preparing to use the saws as far as possible and get out in the corridor, and when either Day Jailer Whitcomb or Night Jailer Ballew came along they would fell him with the lead pipe or bullet, and then take his keys and get out. Others who wanted to escape go out with them. Jail officials, however, state that the saw could not have possibly done the men any good as they never would have been able to saw through the big heavy iron bars.

**Third Attempt.**

This is the third attempt at jail delivery since the building of the new jail, and all three times the discovery can be placed to the credit of Jailer Whitcomb. Some time ago when Cecil Dougherty and J. W. Kelly were locked in the Hamilton county jail Mr. Whitcomb received a tip that a brother of Dougherty was coming to the jail with some saws and on the next visit young Dougherty was stopped and searched, and as a result several saws were found on his person. At the time in the jail were locked, some desperate men, and if the saws had been successfully gotten in trouble might have resulted. Dougherty was later convicted and sent to Brushy Mountain prison, where he was killed by falling slate.

Kelly, his partner, and a desperate man, having prior to being placed in the Hamilton county jail escaped from the Pennsylvania and later the New Jersey penitentiaries, was convicted and is now serving his term. The other incident threatened by the intervention of Jailer Whitcomb was when saws were taken off Lucius Hesterline, a negro, which had been smuggled into the jail.

**Assume Air of Indifference.**

The air of extreme indifference assumed by Carden, King and Long when arraigned before Judge McReynolds Thursday in criminal court would have led one who had known their true character to become suspicious. All

three jolly walked up and pleaded guilty and took the heavy sentence of the court without a frown, knowing, so they thought at the time, weapons were lying concealed beneath their cell bunks, they could laugh at sentences and steel bars. But while the prisoners were away Jailer Whitcomb got busy, and when they returned they learned their plans had been discovered and their long sentences, received so willingly, would have to be served. The saws, after being discovered, were taken to the criminal court room and shown Judge McReynolds, but for the reason that the officials were expecting to catch the outside confederate, it was requested no mention be made of it.

## Robbed Freight Cars.

Bert Long and Tom Carden were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Walter Clark on the charge of robbing a box car in East Chattanooga and when arrested they had on two suits of clothes and each carried two pistols. Later, they were suspected of killing a soldier, who was found with his throat cut at Camp Forrest. They could never be connected with this crime, though, since the discovery of Thursday, there is, jail officials says, every reason to believe they would not hesitate murdering any one who stood in their path for greed or gold. Later, Deputy Sheriff Ira Bailey called at the jail and after a talk with Carden and Long both men admitted they robbed a store at Soddy, and told the officer of several other stores they had visited. Deputy Sheriff Bailey then worked up the evidence in the cases and found the prisoners had told him the truth. Thursday they were given from six to twenty years in two cases of burglary.

Frank King, who seems to possess the brains of the gang, made his livelihood with a less hazardous plan. He used a little boy and would, on going to a store where nobody was, go at home or in front, hold the little fellow up to the window and allow him to burglarize the store. He was caught in this act while he and the boy were robbing the office of the Chattanooga Steam laundry. He was tried Thursday in criminal court and given from three to ten years for burglary.

## FOUR MEN ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF USURY

On charges of usury, J. C. Sharp, N. M. Silverman, G. R. Fox and C. E. Beebe, whose occupations were given as merchants, were registered at police headquarters Friday morning by Detectives Marion Perkins and W. C. Smith. Judge Martin Fleming withheld judgment in the cases until April 18. According to Detective Perkins, the arrests were the result of complaints in connection with the alleged overcharge of interest. The accused men were represented by the plainclothesmen to be loan agents.

## Detective Comes as Witness in Court-Martial

James Higgins, of the detective department at Covington, Ky., is in Chattanooga as a witness at the court-martial of a deserter at Fort Oglethorpe. In company with Ed B. Kathman, an express messenger for the Southern Express company, with headquarters in Covington, Mr. Higgins spent several minutes at the detective's office here Friday morning. Courtroom will be extended the two visitors during their stay in the city.

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